

INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

EASIER TO DO BUSINESS

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACCESS: MAKING SURE ALL OF WASHINGTON IS MOVING FORWARD

Learn how Washington's communities have leveraged resources to provide electronic connections for individuals and businesses.

GETTING PRODUCTS TO MARKETS: TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES

Hear from a panel representing ports, cities, railroads and highways about what Washington is doing and should do to ensure efficient and reliable freight mobility.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

A panel of renewable energy industry representatives and local leaders will speak on how a community can position itself to take advantage of these emerging industries.

"QUALITY OF LIFE" AS A COMPETIVENESS STRATEGY

Find out how a community can work with the state on infrastructure and investment needs to promote a high quality of life and grow its economy.

THREE I's FOR SUCCESS: INFRASTRUCTURE, INNOVATION ZONES, AND INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

With global competition and scarce resources, Washington needs to focus infrastructure investment on key industries and strategic areas. Learn more about how this can work in Washington and how communities can benefit.

THE FUTURE OF FINANCING FOR WASHINGTON STATE INFRASTRUCTURE

This workshop will provide an update on the latest local financing options from the Governor and Legislature, while exploring new options for the future.

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS - STATE FUNDING RESOURCES FOR LOCAL IMPACTS

Listen to leaders from the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges, Workforce Board, Employment Security, and Department of Community Trade and Economic Development describe grants and programs for local communities.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS = SATISFIED BUSINESSES

Employers will discuss the National Work Readiness Credential and how it will directly support a public/private effort to solve the need to find, train, employ, and retain workers in rewarding employment opportunities.

STATE STRATEGIES FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN A CHANGING ECONOMY

Hear the latest information on Governor Gregoire's "Washington Learns" report to be issued in November and The Workforce Board's review of the state's workforce development system including its update to High Skills, High Wages: Washington's Strategic Plan for Workforce Development.

JOB CREATION IN RURAL WASHINGTON: SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

A panel of creative practitioners will share their success stories and the steps a rural community can take to organize their small businesses to achieve economies of scale.

LINKING WORKFORCE, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: WALKING THE TALK

Learn how partners worked together to link workforce and economic development initiatives such as an Industry Skill Panel, a Center of Excellence, a Key Industry designation, and training resources through a Marine Manufacturing & Technology case study.

THE FAST LANE TO OPPORTUNITY: MERGING THE NEW WORKFORCE AND TRADE ECONOMY

Panelists will describe practical solutions of how regions are preparing a new workforce of commercial drivers and port workers that include combining English language skills with an intensive vocational training program; creating opportunities for new and emerging workers; preventing dropout strategies; and other programs that cultivate skill development to overcome barriers for entry-level employment.

ONLINE BUSINESS SERVICES

Washington is a world leader in electronic services to business. Learn the latest "one stop" approaches for statewide information and hear about a unique environmental permitting project in Vancouver.

TAX INCENTIVES THAT PAVE THE WAY FOR NEW BUSINESS PROSPECTS

Learn more about recent tax incentive legislation and other tax strategies that reduce the cost of doing business in Washington State and help you market your community for development.

SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES

Small business is vital to the economy and poses special issues for service delivery. Learn how your community can support small business success with proven local strategies.

CUTTING THROUGH THE RED TAPE

Hear how government and business leaders have worked to implement feasible, creative, and beneficial strategies to improve processes regarding permitting, infrastructure, and financing to move projects forward on-time and on-budget.

THE NEXT BIG THING: LESSONS FROM LIFE SCIENCES, BIOFUELS, AND...

Washington has made strategic investments in new institutions to promote life sciences and alternative fuels. Learn more about how these institutions will work and what may be the "Next Big Thing".

BUSINESS EXPANSION STRATEGIES FOR THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Hear from leading practitioners about business retention programs that work in the global economy. Also learn how "trade logistics" has emerged as an industry – and a winner for Washington.

Sessions

10:45AM - 11:45AM

1:30PM - 2:45PM